Reports from Committees. Mr. Elder, from the committee of ways and means, reported back the bill on the subject of agriculture as mexpeient; which was concurred in.

Mr. Cravens reported back the joint resolution on the subject of the officers and soldiers of the war of 1812; ordered to be engrossed; also, a joint resolution on the subject of the African slave trade; which was referred to a select com-

scribe for stock in the Madison road, sold by the auditor, and in so just a reform, in consonance with the progress of the to prevent a further increase of stock by the company ; read | age. twice and referred to the judiciary committee. Mr. Mr. Spencer reported back the bill in relation to the crime poned. of arson, with amendmen's, which were concurred in, and the bill ordered to be engrossed.

By Mr. Robinson of D., bill in relation to Lawrenceburgh and Greensburgh reilroad, with amendments, providing for a road from Greensburgh, via St. Omer and Shelbyville to Indianapolis, and from Lawrenceburgh to the State line in The vote was ta the direction of Cincinnati; amendments concurred in, and bill referred to committee on corporations.

By Mr. Mickle, in relation to surveys and the establishment of corners; passed to a 2d reading.

By Mr. Hill, a bill in relation to the sale of spirituous

empting homesteads from execution, with an amendment, and F., Miller of O., Morrison, Niblack, O'Haver, Pat) exempting 40 acres of land or a town lot not exceeding \$500 | terson, Prather, Reed, Richardson, Robinson of D., Ross, in value-officer to set off such property to execution de- Rush, Shepard, Sherrod, Spencer, Summers, Thomas, fendant, also to apply to leases. Mr. Patterson moved that the bill and amendment be made Wright, Yocum, and Mr. Speaker,—65.

tion prevailed.

By Mr. Holcomb, a bill for the relief of Nancy Kitchen; passed to a 2d reading. tion in relation to letting out the printing, binding, &c., to Stewart, Stone, Stoops, Thom, Tinbrook, Warriner, and

the special order of the day for Saturday next; which mo-

the lowest responsible bidder-the question being, on strik- Whinery,-31. ing out the word " printing." Mr. Mickle withdrew his amondment. Mr. Elder moved to amend, so that the committee also inquire into the expediency of letting out the offices of Gov-

ernor, Auditor and Treasurer, &c; to the lowest responsible Mr. Wilson moved that the amendment be laid upon th table; which motion prevailed, ayes 77, noes 17. Mr. Wilson offered to amend; when the whole matter was

referred to the committee of ways and means. Mr. Niblack offered a resolution, as to the propriety of register for the registration of births, deaths and marriages in each county; which was adopted.

By Mr. Carnahan of F., as to the expediency of a general

law for incorporations; adopted. By Mr. Cravens, as to the expediency of giving a small premium to tax payers, who will pay their taxes into the treas- read. By Mr. Hunter, as to the expediency of establishing a State Board of Agriculture; adopted.

By Mr. Connor, a resolution in relation to licenses, and bonds for retailing spiritous liquors; adopted. On motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine

Senate met.

SENATE. WEDNESDAY, January 2. Petitions, &c. Presented.

By Mr Garver, a remonstrance of sundry citizens of Ham-By Mr Cassatt, on the same subject; referred to the tem-By Mr Herod, a petition, which was referred without

Reports of Standing Committees.

By Mr Reid of U., a bill to publish and declare in force the school law of last session; read a first time. he school law of last session; read a first time.

By Mr Sleeth, a bill to amend article 13, chapter 40, of he Revised Statutes of 1843, and of an act amendatory the Revised Statutes of 1843, and of an act amendatory

thereto; read a first time. By Mr Buckles, a bill to organize a probate circuit court in the counties therein named, with amendments; amendments adopted, and the bill read a third time and passed. By Mr Sleeth, a bill directing the Secretary of State to make to James Hensley, a patent for certain canal lands;

read a first time. On motion of Mr Reid of U., the report of the committee on Education, reporting a bill for the relief of the borrowers of school funds was taken up, the report concurred in, and the bill was read a first time. By Mr Huffstetter, a bill to locate a State road in county of Washington; read a first time.

By Mr Miller, a bill to incorporate the Grand Rapids man-

ufacturing company, with an amendment; amendment con-curred in, and the bill was laid upon the table. By Mr Garver, that it is inexpedient to pass local laws on the subject of electing township assessors; report concurred

Reports from Select Committees. By Mr Harvey, a bill to incorporate the town of Belle-ville, in Hendricks county; read a first time, rules suspend-

Mr Garver moved to lay the report of the committee on the table, and print 500 copies of the same for the use of the

Mr Ellis moved to postpone the further consideration of the question two weeks from next Monday; pending which, On motion, the Senate adjourned. AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr Houghton, on leave, introduced a bill to make additional appropriation on the New Atbany and Vincennes road; read twice and referred to a select committee.

A large number of bills from the House were taken

referred to the committee on corporations.

Mr. Garver, on leave, introduced a bill to amend

Mr. Millikip, on leave, introduced a bill for the relief o'clock.

of Mary Huffman; read twice and referred to the com mittee on the judiciary. Mr. Cassett, on leave, introdued a bill to legalize sale

Mixenville Turapike Company ; read first time.

Mr. Evans, on leave, introduced a bill relative to the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in Henry county; read Mr. Dole, on leave, introduced a bill relative to the ju

risdiction of justices of the peace of Vermillion county;

Mr. Herod, on leave, introduced a bill relative to the

sale of Corporation bonds; read a first time.

Mr. Ellis, on leave, introduced a bill to amen practice in the Circuit Courts; read a first time. Mr. McCarty, on leave, introduced a bill for the relief

f the estate of Noah Noble; read a first time.

Mr. Teegarden, on leave, introduced a bill relative to

Mr. Randall, on leave, introduced a bill relative to the Fort Wayne and Bluffton Plank Road Company; read a On motion, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 2, 1850. Petitions &c. presented.

The Speaker laid before the House the petition of citizens of Clark and Washington, in relation to line between said counties; referred to a select committee.

By Messis. O'Neal, Huey, Ross, Cleaver, Welts, Murray, Weaver, Grave-, Niblack, and Salter; which were referred Reports of Committees.

Hr. Hicks reported back the bill to encourage the construction of sail and plank soads, with an amendment, allowing rail or plank roads to connect, furnish cars, &c; which was adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed. By Mr. Edwards, a bill to provide for draining wet lands

in Adams county.

By Mr. Carnahan of F., for the seilef of Ann Blither

Mr. Dougherly of E., from the committee on canals &c.. After the election, the Senate returned and resumed the reported back the bill reducing the fees of the trustees of the Wabnah and Eric canal, with instructions that it be indefininely postponed; concurred in, and the bill postponed.

Mr. Elder, from a majority of the select committee, to whom was referred the bill to repeal so much of the Revised Statutes as prohibits negroes, mulattees and Indians from giving evidence against white men, with a recommendation in favor of the passage of the bill. The report enters at

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such evidence, and which would be closely scanned. That Mr. Goodwin, reported back bill to change the mode of all the free States except Indiana, Illinois and Iowa had paying judges, inspectors and clerks of elections, by credit- passed laws, in accordance with the provisions of the bill. That the legi-lature of Ohio had passed such a law at its By Mr. Edwards, a bill to confirm the State's right to sub-

Mr. Brown of S. moved that the bill be indefinitely post-Mr. Mickle moved a call of the House. The roll being

Mr. Prather moved that the absentees be sent for; which On Motion of Mr. Edwards the further call was suspended. The vote was taken, on an indefinite postponement of the bill and decided in the affirmative, ayer 65, noes 31.

Ayes-Messrs. Allen, Alley, Athon, Barker, Bird, Bowen, Brown of S., Byers, Caldwe'l, Carnahan of P., Cleaver, Conaway, Connor, Cotton, Cravens, Delavan, Dough-By Mr. Hill, a bill in relation to the sale of spirituous liquors in Ripley township, Rush county—prohibiting sale except for chemical or medical purposes in said township; passed to a 2d reading.

By Mr. Hill, a bill in relation to the sale of spirituous erty of B., Edwards, Ellis, Essex, Farnesly, Gentry, Gessie, Goodwin, Greathouse, Harney, Hart, Hicks, Hillis, Holcomb, Huey, Humphreys, Hunter, Johnson, passed to a 2d reading.

Mr. Brown of R., reported back to the House the bill ex- Knowlton, Landiss, Lane, Mensugh, Mickle, Miller of M. Watkins, Weaver, Wells, Weir, Wilson, Withers,

Nocs-Messrs, Beard, Brown of R., Burnet, Butler, Campbell, Cole, Defrees, Dodd, Dougherty of E., Elder, Graves, Harvey, Hill, Keeny, Lank, Leviston, May, Mil-The House again resumed the consideration of the resolu- likan, O'Neal, Orr, Robinson of L., Russell, Salter, Shelby,

Mr. Humphreys, from a select committee, reported a bill to repeal an act incorporating the to wnof Bloomington ; passed

to a 2d reading. By Mr. Delavan, a bill declaring a road in Morgan county a State road. Mi. Sher:od reported back the bill to provide for a Convention to revise and amend the Constitution, with amend-ments fixing the day of election of Delegates on the first

Monday in August, &c. Mr. Orr moved to concur separately in the amendments: which motion prevailed. Mr. Shepard moved that the bill and amendments be laid on the table and made the special order of the day for Mon-

The amendment, making any person eligible to a seat in the legislature eligible as a delegate in the Convention was Mr. Carnahan of F., hoped that this amendment would not be concurred in. Many persons now occupied offices who

would make good delegates. He hoped that we should not

prevent the services of such persons in framing the Consti-Mr. Cole hoped the amendment would be concurred in He believed there were as many persons as well qualified, out of office, as those occupying official stations, to serve as delegates. Besides, there was great propriety in excluding persons who held offices, who might be legislated out of office, under an amended Constitution. He therefore hoped

Mr. Orr moved to concur, with an amendment, providing ilton county, against the proposed temperance law; referred that no member of either branch of the present session of the General Assembly, should be eligible as a delegate. Before the question was taken, on motion the House ad-

AFTERNUON SESSION. Mr. Edwards, on leave, offered a resolution that the select committee be discharged from the further conside-

day for to-morrow. Which resolution was adopted. Orders of the Day. Several bills of the Senate were read and passed to a second reading, or otherwise disposed of.

The joint resolution of the Senate, on the subject of the Michigan City harbor, was ordered to a third reading.

The bill of the Senate to authorize changes of venue

from Probate Courts was read twice and referred. Mr. Wright moved to reconsider the vote discharging the select committee from the further consideration of the bill for a railroad from Indianapolis to Cincinnati, on

the direct line. Mr. Hillis moved a call of the House; which was or-

On motion, the call was suspended.

Mr. Edwards hoped the vote would not be reconsidered.

He believed the House was fully prepared to vote on the merits of the bill. Mr. Hillis said the House did not understand the question when they voted to discharge the committee. He ed, the bill read a second and third times, and passed.

By Mr Garver, a bill to incorporate the town of Nobleswille; read a first time.

By Mr Reid of U., a bill to amend section 257, chapter 40, article 10, of the Revised Statutes of 1843.

Mr Garver moved to lay the report of the committee on

asked, in the name of the State, who had a great interest in a work to be affected by this bill-in the name of twelve hundred farmers interested in other works, shall this bill be smuggled through the House, without inves-Mr. Carnahan of P., was surprised at the allusion of gentlemen to outsiders, in connection with this question, when but a few days since he was taken to task for a similar follusion, when opposing the Evansville and Terre Haute road. Then the cry against him was, that he was legislating for British bondholders! It was now seen that Railroad Directors as well as British bondhold-

up and passed to a 2d reading.

Mr. Rosseau, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate ers, could be benefited or affected. The Madison road. the White River Railroad Company; read first time, and during the past year, made a profit of twenty-eight per cent., and he saw great reason in affording a different outlet that would reduce these enormous profits, when act to compel speculators in Tipton county, to pay a road tax equal to that paid by actual settlers; read three times and passed.

Such outlet would be to the advantage of the people.

Mr. Murray was in favor of a reconsideration of the vote, and that the committee should investigate it at three

Mr. Russell denied that the friends of the bill were opposed to investigation. He thought a more open investigation could take place in the House.

of lot No. 68, in the town of Wabash; read three times The bill had been referred to a select committee, when it and passed. Mr. Lane gave a history of the progress of the bill thus far. Mr. Hendricks, on leave, introduced a bill to amend the sided off the line of the road. He then moved that charter of the Madison, Lexington and Brownstown
Turnpike Company; read first time.

Mr. Berry, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate the (Mr. Hillis,) then had seven other members added, all enemies of the bill. The committee now amounted to twenty-Mr. Morrison, on leave, introduced a bill to incorporate is in seasion. He spoke of the movement, recently made, the Prezbyterian Female College in Washington county; of consolidating three or four roads, which he believed was read twice and referred to the committee on corporations.

Mr. Randall, on leave, introduced a bill changing the time of holding the probate court of Allen county; read first time.

of consolidating three or tour loads, which he believe as it now is, of stockholders, residing principally in Wall street, New York, for the purpose of preventing a railroad from Indianapolis to Cincinnati He hoped the vote would not be recon-

Mr. Cavens was in favor of reconsidering the vote: The meet at three o'clock this afternoon, where the champions of the bill would have been permitted to defend it, whether members of the committee or not. The State had a valuable interest in the Madison road, and the House should pause be-Mr. Harvey, on leave, introduced a bill amending the fore they injured that interest. Reference had been made law relative to solaries of officers in Hendricks county; to the Evansville road. He reminded gentleman, if a wrong had been committed in that case, it was no reason why the House should do wrong in this instance.

Mr. Wilson gave a history of the action of the com-

Mr. Dougherty of B., hoped the motion would not be recommitted. It was evident that the action of this unwieldy committee of twenty-five would do no good. The Mr. Teegarden, on leave, introduced a bill relative to consuming time to no purpose. He was opposed to further plank road law; read a first time.

Mr. McCarty, on leave, introduced a bill to provide for a general index of deeds in Marion county; read a first bill before a committee, than in getting it from it.

Mr. Alley opposed a reconsideration, in some pertinent The question was now taken on reconsidering the vote, and decided in the affirmative; ayes 61, noes 37. Mr. Niblack moved that the reso

table; which motion prevailed.

Mr. Edwards then moved to add Messrs. Orr, Carnahan of F., Gessie, Yocum and Ross, to said committee; which On motion, the House adjourned.

SENATE. THURSDAY, January 3. Petitions were presented by Messrs Garver, McCarty and Hendricks, which were referred to select committees with

On leave, Mr Cornett introduced a bill to provide for the registration of births, deaths and marriages; read first time.

The report made by Mr Reid of Union, from a select committee, recommending the repeal of the black laws was taken up, and the question being on postponing the further consideration of the report till two weeks from next Monday ; pending which,

By Mr. Hicks, a bill to repeal a certain act so far as it re-lates to Steuben county; passed to a 2d reading.

By Mr. Hunter, a bill providing for the opening of streets and alleys in Indianapolis; read twice and ordered to be en-

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mated discussion ensued, in which Messrs Holloway, Reid of U., Read of C., Garver, Hamrick, Millikin and Hanna porticipated.

elected. This restriction is an effort to divest the people of a sovereign power, which no man can divest himself of. He would be ashamed to go home to his constituents,

bill to incorporate the Danville, North Salem and Crawfords-ville plank road company, with one amendment, upon the adoption of which they recommend its passage; report concurred in, amendment adopted, and the bill read a second and third times and passed. Mr Winstandley, from a select committee, reported a bill

to amend the charter of the city of New Albany; read first Mr Buckles, from a select committee, reported a bill to authorise the sale of the feeder dam in Delaware county;

read a first time. Mr Holloway, from a select committee, reported a bill to uthorise the State librarian to send surplus copies of public documents to Liberia; read a first time.

Reports from committees were made on bills on their second reading by Messrs Buckles, James, Reid of U., Cassatt, Dawson and Morrison; the bills were recommitted or passed to a third reading. Bills Introduced.

By Mr Randall, a bill to amend the charter of the city of Fort Wayne; read first time, rules suspende I, and the bill read a second and third times and passed. By Mr Graham, a bill to amend the charter of the Amer can canal company ; read a first time. By Mr Graham, a bill to change the name of Lasson Bren-

on, of Pike county, and for other purposes; read a first By Mr Sleeth, a bill relative to the probate judge of Shell by county ; read a first time. By Mr Reid of U., a bill to incorporate the town of West Inion, in Payette county ; read a first time. By Mr Adams, a bill to authorise the voters of Moore and Brown counties to vote at the county seat in said coun-

By Mr Berry, a bill in relation to incorporations; read By Mr Hendricks, a bill to change the name of certain ersons therein named; read a first time.

By Mr Conduit, a bill to authorise the trustees of Mooresville school society to sell real estate; read twice tions, and stand on a broad equality with the people. and referred to a select committee.

By Mr Rousseau, a bill to fix the salaries of the auditor

suspended, and the bill read a second and third times, and By Mr Hamrick, a bill to incorporate the Cloverdale semnary; read twice and referred to a select committee. On leave, petitions were presented by Messrs Allen, Han-

of the counties of Owen and Greene; read first time, rules

On motion, the Senate adjourned. AFTERNOON SESSION.

ties; read a first time.

Bills on their Third Reading. A bill to provide for the call of a convention of the people f the State of Indiana to revise, amend or alter the constiution of said Sta'e; passed. A till to amend the charter of the city of Evansville;

A bill to incorporate the Fort Wayne and Piqua plank

road company; passed. A bill to amend the charter of the town of Mt. Vernon A bill to amend section 36, chapter 37, of article 1, of the Revised Statutes of 1843; pas-ed.

A bill to amend the charter of the Harrison and Broo ville turnike company ; passed. A bill to ascertain the value of property exempt from execution; passed. company No. 1; laid on the table.

A bill to change the name of Emanuel Pidcock ; passed A bill to amend the charter of the Evansville and Olney railroad company. Mr Rousseau moved to lay the bill on the table; lostayes 22, noes 23. The ayes and noes were demanded, and the bill did not pass; ayes 19, noes 25.

On motion, the Senate adjourned. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THURSDAY, Jan. 3.

Petitions &c. Presented. By Messrs. Morrison, Carnahan of P., Thom, Athon. Hunter, O'Neal, Cole, Alley, and Byers; which were re-Mr O'Haver, on leave introduced a bill providing fo the removal of tences from canal lands; passed to a 2d

By Mr Weir, to amend the act, to provide for the election of assessors in certain counties; passed to a 2d read-Mr Goodwin, on leave, introduced a resolution, that the committee of ways and means to whom the subject of the public printing was referred, be required to report

Mr Lane supported the resolution. The question was taken on the adoption of the resolu-tion, and decided in the negative, ayes 40, noes 54.

The Senate now came into the Hall of the House and both Houses proceeded, by a riva roce vote, to the election of a public printer; which resulted as follows: Jacob P. Chapman received - - 84 votes. John D. Defrees, - - - 52

J. R. Elder, . Messrs. Robson and Chandler were absent on account of sickness, and did not vote. Every Democrat present

Jacob P. Chapman having received a majority of all the votes given, was declared duly elected for three years, from and after the first of August next. Reports from Committees,

By Mr Dougherty of B., a bill to establish an additional place of holding elections in Eagle township, Boone county; read three times and passed.

By Mr Athon, against a claim for transporting troops n the Mexican war; concurred in.

The House resumed the consideration of iding for holding a Convention to amend the Constitution—the question being, on concurring in Mr. Orr's amendment, that none of the members of the present General Assembly shall be eligible as delegates.

Mr Prather moved that the bill be laid upon the table; which motion did not prevail.

Mr Dougherty of B advocated the amendment of the committee, providing that only persons shall be eligible as delegates, that are eligible to seats in the legislature. He hoped this amendment would be adopted, as he believed it was in consunance with the spirit of the Constitution, governing elections. In a revolutionary state, all might be eligible; but, if the office of Delegate is one under the Constitution, its provisions should not be violated in the election. The office of Supreme Judge is a lucrative office under the Constitution—the office of delegate would be a lucrative office, and he asked, whether, inder the Constitution, two offices of this description could be held by one individual? It appeared to him that these offices could not be so held. It might be contended, that delegates would not be sworn to support the State Constitution; but this appeared to make no difference, because the Convention is to be held in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. He thought, as an instance, it would be unwise to permit the Supreme Judges to act as delegates. These Judges, from necessity are withdrawn from the people, and instead of mixing with them to know their opinions, are found poring over old and musty English law hooks of by-gone ages; and, learned as they may be, are not so well qualified to reflect the public will.

Mr Hillis moved that Mr Orr's amendment,—that

members of the present General Assembly shall not be eligible to serve as delegates, be laid upon the table; which motion prevailed, ayes 89, noes 6.

Mr Carr, Speaker, said, (Mr Murray in the chair) that red in, and the bill read a third time and passed,

Mr Carr, Speaker, said, (Mr Murray in the chair) that this was a question in which he felt more interest than any subject that had been before the legislature. The amendment he considered impracticable and inexpedient. Senators are eligible at 25 years of age. Representatives are eligible at 21 years of age—there was evidently a contradiction in the amendment. He denied the position of the gentleman from Boone (Mr Dougherty.) He contended that the whole people might arise and assemble in Convention. A Convention of the people was superior to the Constitution. The doctring of the Mades and rior to the Constitution. The doctrine of the Medes and Persians was, that their laws were unalterable; but this was not the dectrine of our Institutions. He was not afraid of the people. They would be sure to do right, because they were not influenced by any sinister motives. If they wished to send a Judge of the Supreme Court to the Convention he was in favor of their doing or passed to a third reading. so. He denied that the office of delegate was one under the Constitution, for the source of all power was in the people. It was not the legislature that was creating the office of delegate; but it was the people that were creating these officers, as expressed at the August election. He was not atraid of Supreme Judges, Senstors or Representatives in Congress holding seats as delegates. It was an effort to restrict the rights of the people which he felt bound to oppose. He wished the doors thrown wide open. Let all, whigs, democrats or freesoilers be

Mr Harvey, from a select committee, reported back the were he to vote for such an amendment, restricting the their primary assemblies. He agreed with gentlemen that this was a progressive age, and he hoped, that here, in the middle of the nineteenth century we would not stop the car of progress, by imposing restrictions on the peo-ple. Let the legislature fix the number of delegates, the time of meeting and leave the balance to the people. He asked the indulgence of the House for the time occupied,

Mr Cassatt, from a select committee, reported a bill to incorporate the Lagro and North Manchester plank road company; read twice and referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr James, from a select committee, reported back the bill relative to Lamasco city, with amendments, upon the adoption of which they recommend its passage; report concurted in, amendments adopted, and the bill passed to a third. relative to Lamasco city, with amendments, upon the stion of which they recommend its passage; report concurred in, amendments adopted, and the bill passed to a third reading.

He said, that none would go farther than numser in the fence of the rights of the people, and he admitted that the people might arise in their majesty and amend the Constitution; but the House was acting in a legislative Constitution; but the Constitution, deriving all power to act capacity under the Constitution, deriving all power to act under that instrument. The bill restricts the rights of and for other purposes; read a first time.

Mr Cassatt, from a select committee, reported a bill declaring a certain county road therein named a State road; the people in fixing the metes and bounds of districts. It limits the age of delegates to twenty-one years, which the gentlaman from Lawrence (Mr Carr.) admitted as correct. To put off all restrictions, we might have a Convention of black and white, and he asked whether a pepper-and-salt Convention thus constituted would meet public expectation? He asked, who was running into old Hunkerism, when the gentleman wished to bring into the Convention the Judges of the Supreme Court and other office-holders, some of whom had been fattening at the public crib for more than a quarter of a century, and give them another office of profit. There was a section in the Constitution that prevents persons from holding two lucrative offices and the legislature cannot pass a law infringing this provision. The people, in their original capacity might confer such power, and a Conrention of the people may do so-but the legislature cer-

Mr Alley agreed with the gentleman from Boone (M Dougherty.) He had thought, that it was a plain question, that the legislature, under the Constitution, could not permit persons to hold two lucrative offices. The Speaker's argument, in relation to the rights of the peo ple, he believed, had no reference to the acts of the legislature. The legislature were restricted, in this question, as well as all others, by the Constitution. To throw overboard the Constitution, we would be found at sea without chart, rudder or compass. If Judges and other officers wished to be delegates let them resign their sta-

Mr Graves would not make a speech; as the remarks of the gentleman from Lawrence (Mr Carr,) so well coincided with his opinions, that he deemed it unnecessary; but he would refer gentleman to clauses of the Constitution, which said, that "all power was inherent in the people"—that the people reserves the power to alter or amend in such manner as they may deem advisable. Here was a clear power, taking off all restrictions. He would go farther, even than the gentleman of Lawrence in the power of the people. He believed that delegates, even under 21 years of age might be appointed, without conflicting with the Constitution. He believed that the clause of the Constitution, forbidding the holding of two face of delegate was not one recognized by the Constitution. fice of delegate was not one recognized by the Constitu tion—it originated with the people. He was not afraid that the people would send old Hunkers to the Convention, at least he was not afraid to trust them.

Before the question was taken on the amendment the House adjourned.

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Orders of the Day.
Several bills of the Senate were read, and ordered to a 2d reading or otherwise disposed of. The bill of the Senate to incorporate the town of Belle ille was read 3 times and passed.

Bills &c. Passed. Joint resolution in relation to officers and soldiers of war of 1812; joint resolution relative to a railroad to the Pacific; to provide for the election of a prosecuting attorney in the 2d Circuit; to amend the revised laws so as to exempt fire engines, engine houses, &c. from taxation to amend revised laws in relation to the crime of arson; to amend the act in relation to plank roads; to enable inhabitants of Huntington and Whitley to construct plank roads; to incorporate the Noblesville bridge company; to organize the county of Stark; to amend the act to extend the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in Fulton county; to provide for opening of streets and alleys in Indianapolis; of the Senate, to incorporate the Union turnpike company; to incorporate the Princeton female College; to incorporate the Fort Wayne Fire and Marine Insurance company; a joint resolution relative to an ap-propriation for the Michigan City harbor; to authorize commissioners to levy road tax in Pike county; to provide for sale of school lands in Blackford, Jay, Adam

The bill in relation to taxing traffickers and pedlers was read a third time and laid on the table. The joint resolution in relation to internal improve ments, setting forth in a preamble the power of the general government to make internal improvements, was

read a third time, when Mr. Mickle moved to indefinitely postpone; which motion prevailed, ayes 46, does 45. The bill to encourage the construction of rail and plank roads, authorizing one company to take stock in another, &c., was read a third time, when Mr. Dougherty of E., moved to lay on the table; which

The bill then passed. The bill to incorporate the Lafavette Insurance Com

motion was lost.

Mr. Mickle moved that the House refuse to concur the amendment of the Senate made to said bill. Mr. Mickle said, that he had an amendment which was satisfactory both to the friends and opponents of the bill, and as this matter could now only be reached by a committee of free conference between the two houses, he hoped the House would disagree to the Senate's

amendment.
The House then refused to concur in the Senate' amendment. [This is the bill which has been twice sent to the Governor and ordered back by resolution of the House. The bill will now go back to the Senate, when it is supposed the Senate will insist on its amend-ment and a committee of free conference be appointed. The whole bill will then be open for amendment.]

The bill to authorize the voters of Washington coun

ty to vote at any precinct in the county, was read a se-The bill to amend the common school law, so as to reduce the school tax on foreign insurance agencies, was read a second time and laid on the table. The bill for the relief of the Relief Fire Company,

Indianapolis, appropriating \$400, was read a seco-Mr. Patterson moved that the bill be indefinitely pos poned; which motion prevailed.

The joint resolution to colonize free people of color in the territories of the United States, was indefinitely postponed.

The bill to amend the law in relation to challenges grand jurors was read a second time, when
Mr. Murray moved to exclude the eight circuit from its

The House adjourned. SENATE.

FRIDAY, January 4. Senate met. Petitions, &c. Presented.

Petitions were presented by Messrs Millikin, Morgan,
James, Adams and Garver, which were referred to committees without reading.

Reports of Committees. Mr Hardin, from the committee on Roads, to whom wa recommitted the bill to incorporate the Tippecanoe fire company, reported the same back to the Senate; report concur

railroad company, with sundry amendments, upon the adop-tion of which they recommend its passage; report, bill and amendments were laid on the table.

By Mr Hendricks, that there is no law or rule by which insane colored persons are excluded from the insane asylum

Reports from Select Committees.

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On motion of Mr Montgomery, the bill and amendments were recommitted to a select committee. Mr Hamrick reported back the bill to amend the charter of the Richmond and Terre Haute railroad company; several amendments were offered and adopted; pending the motion to reconsider the vote on laying Mr Walpole's amendment to the bill on the table, On motion, the Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Mr Morrison, on leave, reported back the bill to abolish the office of Agent of State, with one amendment, upon the adoption of which they recommend its passage.

The amendment changes the character of the bill; instead of abolishing the office, it provides for its continuance, and

limi's the expenses of the office to \$2,500. Mr Mousson, in support of the amendment of the committee said, the committee thought that under the contract with the bondholders, the State was bound to appoint an agent to attend to the payment of the interest which may become due on the funded debt, in the city of New York. The expenses of the agency exceeded \$14 per day. He was not strenuous for the adoption of the plan proposed by the committee. If the Senate could adopt any better plan he would cheerfully co-operate in the execution of such plan. Bu, said he, the Senate may be assured of one thing, that a part of the committee which reported the bill would vote for no bill which did not limit the expenses of the agency. If the Sena'e thought \$2,500 too small a compensation, let it be increased to \$3,000 or \$10,000. But do not leave the keys of the treasury of the State of Indiana in the hands of the Agent of State. Heretofore the agent had power to draw without limit, upon the treasury of the State. It seemed to him that the charges under the head of personal expenses were extravagant. He thought that the Agent of State should not go to the city of New York to live in extravagant style. That officer should live in plain republican style, and thereby show to the world that the State desired to sustain its credit, and free itself from its pecuniary em-

The best way to sustain the credit of the State, in his opinion, is to discharge our obligations to her public creditors, and pay the interest punctually, on the very day it becomes due. One thing he wished to impress on the Senate, viz: Let nothing be done on the part of the State, by which the bondholders may be justified in departing from the stipulations of the so called Butler bill.

They have a hard bargain, but the contract was entered into with a full knowledge of all its conditions. If the office of State Agent should be abolished, it would surely be regarded by them as an open violation of the law. Let us then, said he, limit the expenses of the agency, and show to the world that the plighted faith of the State shall be safe and unsuitied in our hands.

Mr. McCarry was for abolishing the office of Agent of State. He thought that an arrangement could be made with some good solvent bank which could transact the business of the agency for less than \$2,500 per annum. The State of Ohio, with a larger debt than ours, had the business which is now performed by our Agent of State, done by a company in New York, for twenty-Mr. Holloway said, the statements made by the Sena-

tor from Washington, satisfied him that the office ought to be abolished. He would therefore move to lay the report of the con mittee, with the amendments, on the table; lost, ayes The question recurring on concurring in the report of the committee, and adopting the amendments proposed by

adopted, and the bill passed to a third reading. Bills on Third Reading. A bill for the relief of purchasers of school lands;

A bill in relation to Lamasco city; passed. A bill in relation to extra taxes in Lamasco city; pass-A bill to amend the charter of the Logansport, Roches ter and Michigan road company; passed.

A bill to amend the charter of the Liberty and Browns ville turnpike company passed.

A bill to provide for a uniform mode of doing township business in Clay county; passed. Several bills were read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on to-morrow, or referred

to the appropriate committees.

On motion, the Senate adjourned. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. FRIDAY, Jan. 4, 1850. Petitions &c. Presented.

By Messrs. Summers, Brown of R., Stone, Byers Greathouse, Miller of M. and F., Whinery, Morrison, Essex, Hunter and Lank; which were referred to com-

Reports from Committees. Mr Hicks reported back the bill providing for the election of township assessors, &c., with an amendment, striking out the bill from the enacting clause, and inserta substitute, providing for the election of township assessors, to hold their offices for two years, and prescribes in detail, the duties of said officer—that he shall call on all tax-payers between the 1st of January and 1st of June and propound questions as follows : what is the number and value of your horses? what is the number and value of cattle, sheep, hogs, farming utensils, musical instru-ments, carriages, &c. &c., and the tax-payer shall be

bound to answer under oath to these interrogatories. Mr Orr moved to lay the report of the committee on the table; which motion prevailed and the amended bill was ordered to be printed. The House again resumed the consideration of the bill providing for a State Convention to amend the Constitu

Mr Lane moved that for the present, the bill be laid upon the table; which motion prevailed. Mr Hunter reported a bill to legalize the acts of the school commissioner of Marion county; passed to a 2d

Mr Lane reported back the bill to incorporate a company to construct plank road from Indianapolis to Spring field which was ordered to a 3d reading.

By Mr O'Neal, a bill for a road from Crawfordsville to Concord; passed to 2d reading.

By Mr Spencer, to straighten the line between Dearborn and Ohio counties.

Messra Spencer and Wright opposed the recommitting Mr Waskins supported the recommitment of the bill. The question was taken on recommitting the bill and decided in the negative.

Mr Watkins moved to indefinitely postpone; not car-The bill was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr Russell reported back the bill in relation to advertising lands mortgaged to the sinking fund, with an amendment, providing for advertising in the two papers at Indianapolis, and in one paper in the counties where the lands are situated; which was adopted and the bill

was ordered to be engrossed.

By Mr Hicks, a bill to prohibit the sale of liquous in Blue river township, Johnson county; passed to a 2d

By Mr Stone, a bill to repeal an act therein named

in relation to deputy clerks;

By Mr Connor, for the relief of William Mackey;

By Mr Weaver, to authorize sale of school section in Carroll county; By Mr Dodd, to transfer docket of a justice in Gran

By Mr Hunter, to divorce Lucinda Foster; which was By Mr Brown of R., relative to Probate Judge of Ran-dolph county; By Mr Graves, to enable voters in school district in Kosciusko to levy a tax to build a school house; By Mr Cole, for the relief of Zadock C. Smith;

By Mr Murray, for the relief of persons who have By Mr Morrison, to authorize the location of a State

road in Jefferson, Scott and Clark;
Mr Wilson, on behalf of majority of the committee of twenty-five, reported the bill to charter a company to construct a Railroad from Indianapolis to Cincinnati, with an expression of opinion, that legislation is inexpedient on the subject. Mr Edwards presented a report, from the minority of the committee, in which the advantages of the trade with Cincinnati are fully set forth, as well as her superiorty over other western towns and cities as a market. The

argument that we should build up cities in our State was

answered by stating, that a policy like this, would dry up the fountains of commerce in the whole Mississippi valley, which should be left free to flow wherever the interests of the people would be best promoted. The report argues at considerable length the advantages of the road, as affording a competition that would greatly reduce the prices of sending produce to market, which would be a clear gain to the farmer. The injury the State might sustain, in connection with the Madison company, by the construction of a road to Cincinnsti, would be more than compensated by the general advantages to the people. The charter, by the House, of a road from Evansville to Terre Haute is adduced as an argument why the Cincin-nati bill should pass. The argument then adduced, that it would injure the bondholders, was not listened to, and, in this instance, the interests of the stockholders of the Madison road, residing principally in Wall street, New York, should not be better protected. The report winds

up with the remark, that citizens of the State and others going east should not be compelled to go round by the city of Madison, for the benefit of the Madison railroad, or for the purpose of viewing the deep diggings, located

mear that city.

Mr Shepard moved that the reports and bill be laid upon the table; which motion prevailed, ayes 53, noes 43.

Mr Cole from the Committee on that subject, reported a joint resolution in relation to the redemption of the Wabash and Erie canal scrip, East of Tippecanoe, accompanied by a detailed report on the subject. The bill passed to a second reading.

Mr Wilson moved to reconsider the vote laying the bill chartering a company to construct a railroad from In-dianapolis to Cincinnati on the table, avowing as his object in the motion, to prevent further proceedings upon the bill during the present session, should the House re-fuse to reconsider, which would be the effect of his mo-

At the request of Mr Edwards the motion was with-Resolutions Offered.

diciary enquire whether any of the agents of State have made improper charges for incidental expenses, and whether they are liable therefor on their official bonds; Bills &c. Presented.

By Mr Carnahan of P., that the committee on the ju-

By Mr. Salter, a joint resolution relative to the navigation of Iroquois and Kankakee;
By Mr. Wright; relative to the navigation of the Ohio; By Mr. Cole, relative to the Miami Indians; By Mr. Wright, relative to vacant lands;

By Mr. Gentry, a bill for the relief of purchasers of Semipary lands in Mouroe; referred. By Mr. Gessie, to increase the per diem of Probate Judge Vermillion; passed.

By Mr. Carnahan of F., for the relief of orphan children ; referred to judiciary committee. By Mr. Spencer, to amend Revised Statutes in relation to By Mr. Elder, for the relief of trustees of Union Meeting

House of United Brethien ; read 3 times and passed. By Mr. Holcomb, to attach a part of one Congressional ownship to another in Gibson; ordered to be engrossed.

By Mr. Keeney, to incorporate the Fort Wayne and Wolf

Lake turnpike company; referred-By Mr. Robinson of D., to amend the charter of the Milford and Columbus railroad company; referred, By Mr. Warriner, to amend the State debt bill in relation to the reappraisal of certain lands ; referred.

By Mr. O'Neal, to legalize the assessment of taxes in Tippecanoe; read 3 times and passed. By Mr. Landiss, changing the mode of doing county business By Mr. Connor, regulating fees and salaries of certain of-

By Mr. Miller of O., to amend the toad law in Owen, Lawrence and Greene; By Mr. Chandler, to explain section 293, chapter 30, Revised laws of 1843: By Mr Reed, to reduce the fees of recorder in Wasrick;

By Mr. Russell, repealing setion 31 of common school By Mr. Prather, to amend the act locating a State road in Decatur, Jennings and Bartholomew; By Mr. Miller of M. and F., to extend the time of Probate

Court in Fulton; referred.

By Mr Yocum, to incorporate the Kossuth Bridge Com-By Mr Alley, to amend sec. 38, art. 2d, chap. 15, revised laws; referred. By Mr Ross, to vacate a certain road; ordered to be

By Mr Farnsley, defining the duties of auditor and treasurer of Floyd, in relation to school funds; By Mr Thom, to amend the road law in Jefferson; re-By Mr Johnson, relative to clerk's fees of Probate

By Mr Allen, to amend the act to incorporate the town of Greencastle By Mr Shelby, for the appointment of guardians for the children of insane parents; By Mr Watkins, relative to the settlement of estates

the committee, the report was concurred in, amendment By Mr Hunter, to amend the scire facias law; referred. By Mr Wells, to amend the charter of the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad Company;
By Mr Chandler, to repeal the law authorizing township trustees of Warren to assess a township tax;

By Mr Hillis, to repeal certain sections of an therein named; referred. By Mr Greathouse, to change the name of George Surl By Mr Carnahan of F., to incorporate the Covington

Drawbridge Company; referred.

By Mr Miller of M. & F., to define the duties county assessors; referred. By Mr Orr, to increase the per diem of witnesses b By Mr Brown of R., to repeal a certain act, so far as

relates to Randolph;

By Mr Watkins, to incorporate the trustees of St. Paul's Church, &c.; referred. By Mr Chandler, to raise the salaries of Probate and Associate Judges of Warren; referred. By Mr Miller of O., to change the mode of county bu siness in Owen;

By Mr Bird, concerning the Vulley mills in Allen;

laws so far as relates to Greene and Posey;
By Mr Greathouse, to incorporate the Lamasco City Manufacturing Company; By Mr May, for a uniform charge by recorders; re

By Mr Carnahan of P., to amend section of revised

By Mr. Edwards, to authorize certain officers, &c., to administer certain oatles; By Mr Connor, relative to elections in Perry; By Mr Allen, to legalize election of trustees in Clover-

By Mr Cole, authorizing the examination of witner in Chancery causes in open court; By Mr Holcomb, to amend 10th sec. chap. 21, revised

By Mr Sheppard, to increase the pay of Probate Judges of Knox, Randolph and Kosciusko; By Mr O'Neal, to repeal part of act fixing time of hold-ing courts in first circuit, in Tippecanoe county; By Mr Hunter, to divorce Robert and Ellen Hardesty;

By Mr Millikan, concerning crime and punishment; By Mr Humphreys, to reduce the fees of the recorder

By Mr Miller of M. & F., to authorize notaries public to solemnize marriages; referred. By Mr Niblack, to amend the act confining voters to their townships, so far as relates to Martin county. By Mr Allen, to amend the 11th article of 12th chap. of revised laws, so far as Putnam is concerned; referred.

Poor to Cyrus Poor Dunham;

By Mr Shelby, to authorize the election of trustees in Lafayette by single districts; By Mr Murray, to amend the charter of the Indianapolis and Peru Railroad Company; also, a bill for the relief of David Baker, of Cass county.

The bill of the Senate to provide for a convention to

On motion, the House adjourned.

By Mr Menaugh, to change the name of Ephraim

amend the constitution, was read twice, laid on the table, and 100 copies ordered to be printed.

Several hills of the Senate were read, referred to committees, or otherwise disposed of. Bills Passed. To provide for the election of township asses Steuben; defining the duties of treasurers of Dearborn, Switzerland, Gibson, Clinton and Fountain counties, in relation to common school fund; in relation to the audi-

tor of Warrick; for a State read in Porter and Lake; to amend revised laws on the subject of absconding debtors in Pike and Washington. The bill to amend the common school law-exempting counties that refused to vote for it, from its operations, was read a third time and laid on the table.

On motion, the House adjourned. 0 Col. Frémont has written to the government, fying his intention to resign his position as commissioner to run the boundary line of the U. S. and New Mexico. Col. Fremont had not, at the latest dates, assumed the duties of the boundary commission, and probably, in view of his intended resignation, will not do so. In the meantime Col. Weller continues to act, until Col. F.'s successor is appointed.

contre at a public meeting at Foxtown, Kentucky, last summer, which created such a sensation, was, as we learn from the Richmond (Ky) Chronicle, brought before the Grand Jury, who, upon investigation refused to find a bill. No INTERCOURSE WITH AUSTRIA.-The Boston Tran-

THE CLAY AND TURNER CASE .- The case of the

killing of Cyrus Turner by Cassius M. Clay, in a ren-

script says: "Petitions are now circulating designed to induce Congress to suspend diplomatic intercourse with Austria, 'by reason of its tyranny, its barbarous punishments, its sanguinary atrocities and judicial murders in Hungary, Austria and Italy." NEWSPAPERS .- An invention of a novel character

has been made in Paris. By a simple yet ingenious mechanism, the folding of newspapers, which has hitherto been performed by the hand, is now effected by a peculiar machine. With the assistance of one person to attend to it, this machine will fold 2000 newspapers in an hour .- Brussels Her. WHIPPING WHITE MEN IN SOUTH CAROLINA .- A

law pa-sed the South Carolina Legislature, at Columbia, on the 5th inst., by a very large vote, providing for the punishment of traffickers in spirituous liquors with slaves, by public whipping for the first offence. The operation of the law was postpored to the 1st of March, so as to give timely notice to all violators